

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
April 21, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 4/7/14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner Francis abstained).

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the claims from 4/14/14 and payroll from 4/17/14. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

UNITED CONSULTING

Jeff Larrison, United Consulting, came before the Board to introduce himself and give a brief explanation on the services his company offers, such as bridge inspections.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Ken Scott, Environmental Health Specialist, requested approval from the Board of Commissioners to replace the current Environmental Health Department truck. The new vehicle would be purchased through the Health Grant. Mr. Scott explained that the truck they have now is 9 years old and is not able to pull their trailer when loaded down. Commissioner West made a motion to authorize Commissioner Francis to sign off on the Environmental Health Department truck title. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

US 31 SOUTH

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, discussed with the Board the reacquisition of a right-of-way on the US 31 South (Bridge 163) project. Mr. Einselen advised the Board that there was a counteroffer made of \$7475 for parcels #3 & #4. Commissioner West made a motion to offer 50% of what the seller proposed in their counteroffer. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen received a request for a permit from AT & T to bore under Thunderbolt Ave to install a fiber optic. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the permit request. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SOLID WASTE ISSUE

Don Keller came before the Board about a Solid Waste bill that he received on a piece of property that he sold on contract. Mr. Keller stated the property has a recorded contract but received the Solid Waste bill for this year, which had penalties and late fees. Mr. Keller noted that he would pay the bill, but has an issue with the penalties and late fees. Mr. Keller spoke with Solid Waste and was told that 2 notices were sent regarding the late charge, but he did not receive them. Mr. Keller went on to say that he has lived at his residence for many years and has never had an issue with lost mail and feels that there could be a “glitch” in the system somewhere. Mr. Keller does not want to see this same issue happen with other citizens.

Mr. Keller also brought a concern to the Board regarding a culvert issue on 200 N. There is a drainage issue, causing standing water during heavy rains. There were 2 culverts replaced, which are further south than drainage problem in 2012/2013. Mr. Keller was advised by the Miami County Highway Department that they were going to tear out the old road and replace it because they travel to and from the gravel pit. The Board will talk to Gregg Wilkinson, Surveyor and Brad Smith, Highway Supervisor to see if they can look at the problem. The Board also suggested that Mr. Keller talk with Mr. Wilkinson regarding the issue.

YMCA

Kathy Brehmer, Miami County YMCA, brought revised voucher for rural transportation. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the revised voucher. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Ms. Brehmer also noted that INDOT will be in on May 15th to do their annual review for the transportation program. The annual INDOT meeting will be on June 4th for the transit program and invited the Board to attend.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Francis stated that the Board needed to make an appointment to the Butler Township Advisory Board. Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Tim Davies to the Advisory Board effective immediately. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Francis stated that the Board needed to make an appointment to the Plan Commissioner. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to appoint Mr. Don Hagenbush. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HANGAR 200

The Board received a semi-annual report for the Hangar 200 project. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign the semi-annual report. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEATING/COOLING BID

The Board would like for an advertisement to be place for anyone interested in bidding on the routine heating and cooling maintenance at the Courthouse and Annex Building. The bids are to be turned in by 8 am on May 19th to the Auditor's Office. The Board requested the Auditor's Office to place the advertisement with the Peru Tribune.

INSURANCE RENEWAL CONTRACT

The Board received the final renewal contract for the county health insurance to be signed. The preliminary paperwork was done in November, but this is the final copy.

FLAG DAY

Judge Tim Spahr came before the Board to request use of the front Courthouse steps on June 14, 2014 to hold a Flag Day ceremony. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the use of the Courthouse for the ceremony. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MAXIMUS

Judge Tim Spahr also update the Board on the status of the reimbursement for the courts through Maximus. Mr. Spahr explained that Maximum originally put together a proposal that estimated they could recoup approximately \$20,000 or more per year for reimbursement. After 6 months, they are well under those estimations. Mr. Spahr calculates that after those 6 months and the fees from Maximus, the county may have gained about \$800.00. Mr. Spahr stated that the county is not seeing much of a gain, especially considering the extra time and resources that are being put into obtaining these reimbursements by the employees. The Board asked Mr. Spahr to provide an update in 3 months to see how things are progressing.

INSURANCE UPDATE

Gerrad James & Scott Baldwin with Gallagher Benefits came before the Board to discuss ideas on how the county could save on insurance costs. Gallagher would like to have discussions with several counties regarding risk management and a public entities consortium. The Board stated they would be willing to attend the meeting to see if the county has interest in being a part of the consortium.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, brought in 2 bids for wall repair at the EMA building. Mr. Marks stated that he attempted to get 3 bids, but one of the contractors did not return his

call. The 1st bid was from Jeff Gross Construction for \$2956.00. This bid included pouring additional curbing to help prevent water seepage. The 2nd bid was from Dale Schoettmer for \$2800.00, but did not include any additional concrete work. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid from Jeff Gross Construction, to be paid out of Cum Courthouse and not to exceed \$2956.00. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks advised the Board that the tower company will be in to look at some of the legs and concrete on May 7th.

MCEDA

Mr. Jim Tidd introduced Brooke Robertson, who will be working on business retention for MCEDA. Mr. Tidd noted Ms. Roberston is familiar with our community, making her a great addition to MCEDA.

Mr. Tidd upated the Board on the extension request made to EDA for the construction and financial grant. MCEDA approved the extension, but the Board of Commissioner also needs to approve the request. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the extension request. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Jay Kendall, Veterans Service Officer, update the Board on the claim for meeting reimbursement to the state. Mr. Kendall also was informed that there is a reimbursement for computers. Mr. Kendall sent the information request to the IT Department explaining that this is a first come, first serve award and asked that the information be returned as soon as possible. Mr. Kendall requested that the Board follow-up with John Evans, IT Director, to ensure that the request was handled in a timely manner as to not miss the opportunity for reimbursement.

Mr. Kendall noted that May 26, 2014 at 11 am will be the Memorial Day Service on the Courthouse steps.

Mr. Kendall also stated that on Thursday, May 24, 2014 there will be a service to award Colonel Hammond a medal for his service overseas.

2013 TIMESHEETS

The Board received 2 timesheets that needed final signatures.

DELL SONICWALL

The Board received a renewal for firewall software. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the bill. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

*It was later determined that the bill was not for Miami County and should have gone to Peru Utilities. The bill was forwarded to Peru Utilities for payment processing.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Mr. Brad Smith, Miami County Highway Supervisor, turned in his letter of resignation effective May 16, 2014. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Commissioner West made a motion to accept Mr. Smith's resignation. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner West thanked Mr. Smith for his service to the county.

TOWN OF MIAMI

The Board received a notice of modification of block grant for the Town of Miami.

MATRIX

The Board received an invoice for \$306.25 for technical support used by the IT Department for repairs to the CISCO phone system, Email & Website issues with the Sheriff's Department and 9-1-1 after the server crash. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the invoice. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL

The Board discussed the request made by the Circus City Festival for use of the Courthouse grounds and street closures. Commissioner Hamman would like to see other streets closed off, as he does not feel that we should be shutting down the county operations for the festival. Commissioner Hamman understands it is too late to make any changes this year, but something that needs to be discussed for next year. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Circus City Festival use of the Courthouse grounds and road closures. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMC INSURANCE

The Board received notice of a claim that was filed against Tom Leedy, Miami County Coroner.

CONCERNED CITIZEN

Todd Phillips came before the Board to see if they could help in obtaining grants to help clean up small towns. Mr. Phillips had heard that the state recently passed a law that provides money to small towns. The Board had heard the state passed the law, but does not know when the money is going to be available. The Board did not have any details about how the grant will work. Commissioner West will contact Cathy Miller with Area 5 to see if she could help.

IT

The Board discussed the recent server crash and the need to bring in a consultant to review the computer systems and equipment. The Board will start looking for companies who offer those services.

INSURANCE

The Board discussed bringing in a consultant to review the health benefits and plan for the county. Commissioner Francis stated that the schools use a consultant who will review the current plan, obtain bids from other vendors, review the information, and make recommendations. The Board will make contact with the consultant to set-up a meeting.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Brown